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G. A. TAKES FRYEBURG 41-14 IN FRIDAY GAME

Gould Academy had little trouble winning over an exceptionally weak Fryeburg Academy team here last Friday. The visitors tried hard to hold the score down and succeeded in the first and third periods but the winners put on some real scoring spurts, as they garnered 13 points in the second stanza and 14 in the final.

GOULD (41)

rf, Bryant	1	0	2
lf, Allen	0	0	0
lf, McInnis	5	4	14
lf, Winter	0	0	0
c, Berry	10	1	21
c, Stowell	0	0	0
rg, Emery	1	0	2
lg, Bennett	0	0	0
lg, Young	1	0	2
	13	5	41

FRYEBURG (14)

rf, Burnell	1	2	5
lf, Odell	2	1	5
lf, Gallagher	1	0	2
c, Barnes	1	0	2
rg, Nevens	0	0	0
lg, Lord	0	0	0
lg, Thurston	0	0	0
	5	4	14

Score by periods:
G. A. 7 25 27 41
F. A. 2 5 7 14
Time—4 eights. Referee—Gardner Morrill.

MORTON T. ABBOTT

Morton T. Abbott died at his home at Mechanic Falls last Thursday night after an illness of a week. He was born in Bethel Feb. 14, 1868, the son of John and Hannah Coffin Farrington. He lived in Locke Mills and Bethel many years, going to Mechanic Falls in 1919 where with his son he conducted a grocery business until they closed the store last year.

Mr. Abbott is survived by his wife, Nellie Elwell Abbott; a son, Ralph E. Abbott; a grandson, Pvt. Donald Abbott, Camp Blanding, Fla.; two granddaughters, Shirley and Beverly Abbott; a half sister, Mrs. Sarah Gunther of Bethel; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon, Rev. William Chase of the Buckfield Baptist Church officiating. Burial was at Maple Grove cemetery.



Cpl. John W. Peabody of the 103 CATD has been on furlough and spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody. Cpl. Peabody is on duty as an anti-aircraft gunner on a British troop ship and has made 13 round trips across the Atlantic during the past year.

I wish to thank the Bethel Service Club for the nice Christmas box I received it was in good condition and very much appreciated. —Pfc. Harold W. Young.

Word has been received from Chief Warrant Officer Rupert Conroy that he has arrived safely somewhere overseas.

Sgt. LeRoy L. Martin Jr., son of LeRoy Martin of Greenwood and Mrs. Laurence Towle of Auburn, was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is a radio operator on a plane, and is now receiving training at Blythe, Calif.

Pvt. Bruce Scarborough of Fort Bragg, N. C., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Scarborough.

Pfc. Edward Wheeler returned to Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., Wednesday morning.

Ensign Kathleen Wright of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited her mother, Mrs. Lory Wright, from Sunday to Tuesday.

Gordon E. Chase, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Chase, Bryant Pond, who is serving as communications officer with the Marines in the Southwest Pacific, was recently promoted to Captain. Another son, A.C. Stephen Chase, is now attending special lectures at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Cpl. Kenneth Buck returned to Camp Edwards, Mass., Tuesday night after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chilton Buck, and family, North Woodstock.

Mrs. Ray Hanscom of Greenwood has heard from Mr. Hanscom that he arrived in England December 22, 1943.

Pfc. George Linton, U. S. M. C. who has been spending a few days at home, returned to New River, N. C. on Monday.

Donald M. Fraser, Upton, of the Sea Bee has been transferred from F to EM 3, 160th Bat. C. B. Plt. 4, Camp Parks, Calif.

MISS ALICE PIERCE HEADS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church Sunday evening:
President—Miss Alice Pierce
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Herbertina Brooks
2d Vice-Pres.—Lynwood Wheeler
3d Vice-Pres.—Miss Wilma Bean
4th Vice-Pres.—Jerold Davis and Miss Dorothy Judkins
Secretary—Miss Mary Wentzell
Treasurer—Stanley Judkins
Plans were made to hold a sliding party Friday evening at 6:30.

MAINE IN WASHINGTON

From the Office of Owen Brewster, U. S. S.

Fuel Problem

The reports are now available on the receipts of both bituminous and anthracite coal in New England during this past year and they are not calculated to give reassurance to New England homes or industries.

The reports show a decline of one million tons in the amount of bituminous coal received in New England during the calendar year 1943 over the amount received in 1942 or a decline of approximately 10 percent.

Anthracite shows a similar decline of something over 9 percent for a total of more than 500,000 tons.

500,000 tons of anthracite coal are well calculated to help a lot of New England homes and the absence of this amount in New England coal bins as of January 1st this year cannot help but have a most unfortunate effect—particularly when it is associated with an increased consumption of anthracite in connection with certain other military installations.

In the calendar year 1942 New England received 5,128,200 tons of anthracite coal. In the calendar year 1943 New England received 5,572,600 tons of anthracite coal.

For bituminous coal, 1942 showed 11,527,725 tons and 1943 showed 10,521,000 tons.

Controversy rages in Washington and elsewhere as to how far this situation was occasioned by the coal strikes or how far by other shortages of manpower. It seems safe to assume, however, that the situation was certainly not helped by the coal strikes which cut down the production of coal by many million tons and trebled the loss of man-days of employment by strikes during the year 1943 over the year 1942.

In 1942 there were 4,182,000 man-days of employment lost by strikes while in 1943, for an 11-month period, there were 12,785,000 man-days lost by strikes.

What About National Service

With four million American boys overseas their parents cannot be patient with idleness at home. Every day is marked with increased loss of life. Any slackening down of effort here is sure to be reflected in a revival of hope on the Axis side of the line. Any slowdown here limits to some extent the striking power of our sons in this mechanized warfare and that means their further sacrifice. It is no use to talk about what might have been done or what should have been done except to make clear why drastic action is required at this time.

Universal service of men and

BETHEL GIRL SCOUT TROOP REORGANIZED

The Girl Scouts were reorganized this month by Mrs. O'Brien, who has been the leader since 1939. Owing to poor health she is resigning and Mrs. Elmer Bennett is taking her place.

The scouts will be sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary again this year and they have voted to pay the membership dues of the troop committee which has consisted for the last three years of Jane Van, chairman, Mrs. Ruth Carver, Mrs. Gertrude Boyker, Mrs. Mildred Scarborough and Mrs. O'Brien. Mrs. O'Brien will remain on the Troop Committee to give what help she may be able to to the new leader.

Scouts registering this year are Marlene Anderson, Jane Annis, Eleanor Gurney, Marilyn Judkins, Ruth Donahue, Barbara Pretty, Phyllis Merrill, Lorraine Swan, Lois Ann Van.

Later on the Troop Committee will conduct a drive for funds. It is hoped that this worthwhile organization will be a part of our community for a long time to come.

The time for you to join the Girl Scouts is now. Do so at once if you are between 10 and 14 years old.

The Girl Scouts met at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Legion Rooms. Mrs. O'Brien led the meeting. Worked on badges. Badges were presented as follows: Second class to Gurney, Annis, Pretty, Winter Sports to Anderson, Gurney, Judkins, Pretty, Annis, Donahue, Merrill, Van, My Community, Home Nursing, to Van, Swimmers Anderson.

The girls chose their Patrol leaders by ballot. Marlene Anderson, Leader Patrol 1; Marilyn Judkins, Patrol Second. Ruth Donahue, Leader Patrol 2; Barbara Pretty, Patrol Second.

Next week the Secretary and Scribe will be chosen and the new leader will be introduced.

money might well have been adopted at the start of the war as long advocated by the American Legion. The relations between labor and capital might well have been frozen in the beginning as they were under William Howard Taft and Frank P. Walsh in 1917 who were given full and final authority by Woodrow Wilson to handle the industrial front. Failure of a plant to unionize, it was then stipulated, should not be considered a grievance. This was the key to the remarkable measure of stability that was achieved in industrial relations.

But these things have not been done. The President has sought to handle the situation with a variety of boards, and agencies and changing regulations with the clear possibility always in the background that he would intervene himself if necessary.

Stern opposition was presented to any legislation and we rapidly drifted into a government of men and not of laws.

Labor policy was all too often found hiding behind Madame Perkins' capacious skirts. The elimination by the administration of a leader of organized labor from the Cabinet has borne bitter fruit in the unofficial and irresponsible advice the President has necessarily received on labor questions from leaders without governmental rank or authority through the

To the People of this Community

THINK IT OVER

How about doing a little cold turkey thinking after you lay aside this newspaper tonight? You've got a good job. The chances are there is someone else in your family, perhaps two or three, working. Your son or your brother—may be away at war.

This war must end soon. Your whole family ends soon and those fighting boys of yours will come home safely. But will you be ready for whatever happens when peace comes? Will you have something laid away? We're all hoping there'll be jobs again, jobs which mean making something for somebody's happiness and not for somebody's sorrow.

That's where your War Bonds come into the picture. Sure, Americans own billions of dollars of War Bonds now; and before this 4th War Loan ends they will have put away billions more. But how about you? You're the one that counts. The bigger the pile of War Bonds you have when peace comes, the bigger chance you'll have to slip right into the post-war world you're dreaming about tonight. So "Let's All Back the Attack!"

THE EDITOR.

RATION TIMETABLE

Meats and Fats: Brown Stamp V in Book Three becomes good with stamps R, S, and T through January 29. Stamp V will become good January 23 through February 26.

Processed Foods: Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four good through January 29. Stamps G, H, and J good to February 20.

Sugar: "Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four expires January 15. Stamp 30 good January 16 for five pounds to March 31.

Shoes: Aeroplane stamp number one in Book Three valid for one pair indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One still valid for an indefinite period also. To control the black market, loose coupons cannot be accepted except with a mail order.

Fuel Oil: Period Two coupons valid to February 8. Period Three coupons good to March 14. Class four worth 10 gallons, class five worth 50 gallons.

Tire Inspection: A-car deadline March 31, B-car deadline and new C-car deadline February 29.

Gasoline: Number 8 stamp in A Book valid for three gallons through February 8. B and B-1, C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupon marked B-2 and C-2 are good for five gallons.

Meats and Fats: Brown Stamp V in Book Three becomes good January 23 through Feb. 21. Stamps R, S, T and U good through Jan. 29. Stamp W will become good January 30 through February 26.

Processed Foods: Green stamps G, H, and J in Book Four good through Feb. 20.

Sugar: "Sugar" stamp 30 in back of Book Four good for five pounds, to March 31.

bitter factional struggles that have ensued and for which the selection of Madame Perkins as Secretary of Labor was apparently designed.

Meanwhile, 25,000,000 unorganized workers have seen their situation steadily deteriorate as the struggle between agriculture and organized labor left them farther and farther in the rear.

Now we are confronted by a condition and not a theory. The simple solution of a firm and uniform treatment of all elements in our economy would have commanded universal cooperation. The President has had complete power to prevent any undue profits by cooperations under the existing negotiation statute. The President has at all times insisted on exclusive handling of the labor situation. The exceptions which he has made to his own ruling have opened a Pandora's box of troubles.

Now national service seems to be the only answer to the failure of a firm fair policy from the start. The American people are entirely capable of appraising the responsibility. Organized labor has been taken for a ride by designing politicians and is going a tragic price.

The long-established principle of keeping union labor clear of political partisanship is being vindicated by events. Samuel Gompers knew that putting labor in political pitting politics in labor. Politicians in the end were bound to win at the expense of labor. Everyone suffers while labor slowly recedes from the normal life which it has been led by the administration and remains as the

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VILLAGE SCHOOL LUNCHES POPULAR WITH PUPILS—MORE VEGETABLES NEEDED

The school lunch program started this week, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, is much appreciated by the pupils. Approximately 100 pupils have been served daily this week and there will be more as pupils who are ill return to school.

Potatoes, carrots and onions are among the vegetables most needed. Any farmer who has a surplus of these vegetables would greatly assist the lunch program by a small contribution of these vegetables which may be left at the home of Mrs. Ava Austin who prepares the lunches.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Irene Hutchinson was in Norway Saturday.

Miss Helen Fogg of Lewiston was a week end visitor in town.

Mrs. Everett Merrill and son Stanley were in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Bean left for St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday.

Fred Hall has been in Portland Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Lena Shaw is visiting her daughters, Misses Mabel and Reta Shaw of Portland.

Mrs. Geneva Mitchell of Damariscotta spent the week end with Mrs. G. L. Thurston.

The Bethel Farm Bureau will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. F. L. French, with dinner at noon.

Mrs. Elwood Ireland was called to Lewiston last week by the illness of her father, Frank Gardener, the limbs broken by the November storm are being removed from the trees along the village streets.

Edwin Earle Palmer of West Paris is spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer.

Mrs. Rupert Conroy of Auburn and D. C. Conroy of Portland were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Grace Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanborn and son Harry were in Mechanic Falls Sunday to attend the funeral of Morton Abbott.

Mrs. Clarence Kimball of Litchfield spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. Peterkin, and daughter, Pauline Philbrick.

Mrs. Ethel Hastings, who has been a patient in the C. M. G. Hospital for some time, remains in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Ida Lee Clough and Alice Bennett returned to Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., Sunday, after spending a month at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mills have stored their household goods, and have gone with their family to be with Mrs. Mills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mundt, Grover Hill.

Mrs. Doris Lord has been obliged to discontinue her duties as Principal of the Bethel Grammar School because of illness in her family. Mrs. Ferol Godwin is taking Mrs. Lord's classes while Mrs. Gwendolyn Stearns is acting as Principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Rose of Portsmouth, N. H., announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Ann, at the Portsmouth Hospital Jan. 12. Sharing grandparent honors are Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller of Bath, formerly of Bethel, and Mrs. Thomas E. Rose of Portsmouth.

At the meeting of Sumner B. Bickford Lodge Monday plans were made for the observance of Thanksgiving Night at the next meeting. Mrs. Beatrice Brown will have charge of the program and the refreshment committee is Mrs. M. Fred Lyon and Mr. Maxine Brown.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Selectmen of the Town of Bethel, upon the expiration of their term of office, to open a public hearing for the purpose of receiving suggestions from the citizens of the town for the improvement of the town.

The hearing will be held at the Town Hall, Bethel, Maine, on Wednesday, January 25, 1944, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The hearing will be open to all citizens of the town and all suggestions will be received and considered.

Given under our hand, this 15th day of January 1944.

FRANK E. BROWN

CLARENCE E. BROWN

JOHN E. BROWN

WILLIAM E. BROWN

ALFRED E. BROWN

EDWARD E. BROWN

GEORGE E. BROWN

HERBERT E. BROWN

LESLIE E. BROWN

LYNN E. BROWN

MARY E. BROWN

OLIVER E. BROWN

PAUL E. BROWN

ROBERT E. BROWN

STEPHEN E. BROWN

THOMAS E. BROWN

WALTER E. BROWN

WILLIAM E. BROWN

CHILDREN TO COLLECT PAPER NEXT WEEK

The schools of Bethel and vicinity will join with those of the rest of the country in the paper campaign during the week of Jan. 24.

Pupils will call at the homes to solicit paper in order that the paper may be properly sorted and tied when called for.

The request for paper is now the most important phase of the salvage campaign and deserves the full cooperation of every patriotic citizen.

Now is the time to get rid of old papers in your homes and at the accumulation of old magazines the same time make a valuable contribution to the war work.

It is recommended that newspapers be tied in flat bundles about 12 inches high, magazine in 18 inch bundles, boxes and cartons flattened in 12 inch bundles, other papers packed in boxes or bags.

NORWAY BASKETBALL CLUBS HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, the Norway High School Varsity and J. V. teams will tangle with Gould teams in games scheduled for 7:30 and 8:30.

The J. V. fives will play the preliminary game. Gould's starting line up will be picked from Leary, Robertson and Winter, forwards; Wellington and Stowell, centers; and Wright, Allen, and Davis, guards.

The Norway-Gould varsity game should be well worth seeing. To their credit and will come eager visitors have posted some victories to annex another. The "Blue and Gold" quintet has not yet reached its best form, shown before the holidays, but they are improving and should be in top form. Berry will start at center and the forwards will be plenty of action. McInnis, Bryant, and Sanborn. The guard duties will be handled by Young, Bennett, and Emery.

GOULD PLAYS AT RUMFORD FRIDAY

The Friday Coach Anderson takes his charges on their first test of team games, and that probably the toughest game of the season, in the return match with Stephen's High of Rumford.

The Panthers are undefeated in their home floor and the Bethel club realizes that they are in for a real battle and are preparing for it.

The Gould J. V. team will meet a similar team representing Rumford in a preliminary game scheduled to start at 7 o'clock.

TELEPHONE BRIDGE JAN. 31 TO BENEFIT PARALYSIS FUND

There will be a telephone bridge Monday night, Jan. 31, for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis victims. Twelve hosts and hostesses have already agreed to have one or more tables in their homes that evening. Anyone else desiring to have a table will please notify Mrs. Paul Thurston.

Contract, auction or whist may be played. High scores should be telephoned to Mrs. Elmer Bennett. Playing will start at 8 o'clock and six hands will be played. Each host or hostess is to collect 50 cents per player. The prizes will be available at the IGA store the following day after 8 a. m.

BRYANT POND CHURCH HAS DEDICATION SERVICE

A service of dedication was held at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, with the following order of service:

Prayer—Rev. T. J. Bennett
Invocation—Gloria
Scripture—Isaiah 40:1-5
Prayer of Dedication—Rev. T. J. Bennett

Offering—
Announcements—
Hymn No. 250
Scripture—Deuteronomy 10:17-19
Invocation—
Prayer—

Admission—
The church was given in memory of Mrs. Lorne Wilford. The church was given by friends and the Sunday School. The church was given in memory of the Rev. A. A. and Beulah Chase. The church was given in memory of the Rev. A. A. and Beulah Chase.

The officers and members of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church were present. Their deepest appreciation and love are hereby extended to the friends and family of the deceased.

Funeral services will be held at the church on Friday, January 21, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. T. J. Bennett will officiate. Burial will be in the cemetery.

The family requests that friends refrain from calling on the family during the week of mourning.

Funeral home—

Funeral home—

Funeral home—

Funeral home—

Funeral home—

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Red Army Forges Deeper Into Poland, Southwest Drive Perils Nazi Troops; Allied Bombers Blast Western Europe; Strikes Show Marked Increase in 1943

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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"War Is Hell"—Nowhere better is this expression indicated than in this Italian town of Castel Di Sangro, lying in rubble.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Jungle Fighting

Like the story of every other island in the South Pacific, U. S. troops have had to fight for every inch of ground on tropical New Guinea, where landings have placed doughboys in possession of the air strip on Cape Gloucester and a beachhead at Arawe.

With the enemy dug well in the jungle, U. S. dive bombers and artillery helped clear the way for the infantry as it edged forward through the dense brush about Cape Gloucester. In similar terrain at Arawe, the enemy also fell back grudgingly. While doughboys clawed forward in New Britain, other elements of the U. S. Sixth Army bent southwestward along the New Guinea coastline toward a juncture with Australian troops driving northward. In this sector, the Allies aimed for the big Jap shipping base of Madang, supply point for their coastal positions.

Acc Lost

Only hours after a dispatch from Guadalcanal had announced that pudgy, 20-year-old Maj. Gregory ("Pappy") Boyington had shot down his 24th Jap to enter the selective list of U. S. air aces, his mother received word in Okanogan, Wash., that he was missing.

With a mother's faith she said: "I am confident he is all right and he will show up somehow, somewhere." Called "Pappy" because of his comparatively older age among the younger marine fliers, Boyington was a picturesque daredevil. Once, "Pappy" purposely led a squadron over a Jap airfield, circling the field slowly and daring the enemy to come up and fight. When they did, "Pappy" nailed three.

STRIKES:

Increase in '43

Almost 14 million working days were lost through strikes in 1943 compared with 4 million in 1942, records of the bureau of labor statistics indicated.

Approximately 3,337,021 workers were involved in the estimated 3,737 walkouts, which topped the 1942 total of 3,391,061 men idle because of 2,968 strikes.

Last year's strikes doubled the 1927-'41 average of 1,945, but it was pointed out that the depression prevailed during that period, and because of scarce employment walkouts were less frequent.

EUROPE:

Plaster Defenses

Flying over an 800-mile front, Allied bombers raged hard at German defenses and industries in western Europe preparatory to the heralded invasion.

But in Italy, bad weather restricted Allied progress over the mountainous terrain, and equally bitter resistance in the future loomed with the discovery that the Germans were constructing another "Siegfried line" of concrete and steel several miles in depth, and just to the north of their present positions.

Continuing the softening up process of western Europe, swarms of U. S. and British bombers and fighters lashed at German factories, the important naval base of Kiel, air fields strung over northern, and the channel coast, along which the Nazis reportedly have erected rocket guns.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

RIVER: Vagaries of the White river in Indiana have shifted the boundary line between Decatur and Perry townships in Marion county. Two schools operated by the Decatur township authorities will have to be closed because of lack of funds. Property of the power company is no longer within the township's tax limits to provide revenue, it was pointed out.

FARM HANDS: Several organizations in New York state, working in collaboration, filed 210,000 farm jobs last year. Only 3 per cent of the workers were normally farm hands.

TYPHUS: Eleven "public" delousing stations have been set up in Naples, Italy, by Allied military health officers to combat typhus, which is spreading in the city.

PROHIBITION: Before Congress

Prohibitionists lined up in support of Rep. Joseph R. Bryson's bill for-bidding sale or manufacture of all beverages containing more than 1/2 of 1 per cent of alcohol for the duration of a congressional committee prepared for hearings on the measure.

As prohibitionists organized support, Rep. Emmanuel Celler said it was rumored that they had raised \$10,000,000 for lobbying in Washington.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the Anti-Saloon league would remain on the sidelines during consideration of the bill, devoting its efforts to persuading President Roosevelt to declare prohibition as a war measure under his present vast powers.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: No Deaths

For the second time in the 12 years he has compiled statistics on college football deaths, Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood of Purdue U. announced no fatalities due to football in 1943.

Possibly because of a lack of sufficient amounts and quality of equipment, nine deaths were recorded in high school football, Dr. Eastwood said.

Fatalities in the sport have gradually decreased since he started his survey in 1931, when 31 deaths were announced, Dr. Eastwood said. Since most deaths have been due to head injuries, he suggested that grid leaders look into possible use of new crash helmets designed for military use during the present war.

'44 CONVENTIONS: Chicago Bids

With 10,000 visitors expected at both the Democratic and Republican national conventions this year, Big Business in Chicago bid to have the conclave held there, with New York also reportedly interested.

In Chicago alone, representatives of hotels, restaurants, realty and financial concerns, banks and utilities.



Chairmen Spangler and Walker

ties agreed to raise \$75,000 to help defray hall expenses, etc., for either party, or \$150,000 for both, if they met in the Windy City.

As the national committees under Frank Walker of the Democrats and Harrison Spangler of the Republicans studied convention sites, the Office of Defense Transportation declared Chicago was the city least likely to upset train schedules, since regular line sleeping cars with 11,368 beds terminate there, compared to 7,120 in New York.

CANADIAN WHEAT: To Increase Imports

With approximately 350,000,000 bushels of U. S. wheat expected to be fed to livestock during the current feeding season, an additional 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 bushels will be brought in from Canada, according to government sources.

Because U. S. railroad cars will be sent into the interior of Canada this winter, from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000 more bushels of wheat will be imported than otherwise possible, due to the freezing of the Great Lakes.

Although the heavy dairy and poultry producing areas of the Northeast have bettered their feed situation, feed grains are needed in the droughty south central regions, and protein meals are scarce in the southwest range districts. The total supply of feed concentrates was estimated at 100,000,000 tons.

SOLDIERS' VOTE: Urge Uniformity

While congress wrangled over whether the federal government or the individual states should control soldier voting in 1944, the war and navy departments recommended that applications for absentee ballots be distributed by the services and local officials accept such applications any time before election.

Other recommendations made by the army and navy were that voting material be designed for air carriage, and that a serviceman's vote be acknowledged by an officer no lower in rank than sergeant.

Ballots must be distributed to the servicemen by mail, the departments said, and although it is the army and navy policy to assist soldiers and sailors in voting, "nothing must interfere with the . . . primary obligation to wage a victorious war."

RAIL TRAFFIC

The nation's railroads broke all transportation records last year, both for passengers and freight. Volume of freight hauled was 14 per cent above 1942, the previous high, and passenger traffic shot up 38 per cent over the preceding year.

Average load of freight per train was 1,118 tons, another record. Per car load was 41 tons. Average volume of passengers per car was greater than ever before. An increase of about 30 per cent in gross revenue is expected.

Washington Digest

Pressure Groups Point Way To Mild Fascism in U. S.

Government by Majority Rule Ceases to Exist When Various 'Interests' Begin Trading Votes for Concessions.

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

At a recent White House press and radio conference, the President was explaining his pre-Christmas remark—that it was time to discard the term "New Deal"—the remark that gave the cartoonists so much fun. He used a fable about "Old Dr. New Deal" who had healed the patient of "internal troubles" (the depressions). But when the patient had an accident and had broken his arms and legs, he had to call in his partner "Dr. Win-the-War" to heal him.

A correspondent asked: "Doesn't that add up to a fourth term declaration?"

The President showed his irritation in his answer. He said that that hadn't been under discussion, that the question was piffling. Then he caught himself, leaned back, half smiled, half apologized, with the remark that the questioner would understand that he had to answer that way.

Two things came to my mind at once. First, that the President was thinking about the war and postwar problems, and to be brought back to earth with a bump was very much like being awakened by an alarm clock in the midst of an interesting dream. That was one thing I thought of.

Another was just what the United States, and the whole world for that matter, would be suffering from after the war and what the cure would be, if any.

Recently there have been several predictions that we were in "for a dose of mild fascism."

Background for Belief

I never took that so very seriously until three news items were called to my attention. One was the statement that the CIO committee of political action was planned as a nucleus of a labor party. That didn't smell of fascism but it had a slightly collectivist aroma.

The next item was in the London News Letter, a little pamphlet edited by Commander King-Hall, member of parliament, the contents of which are cabled to Toronto, Canada, where it is printed as an American edition. King-Hall is an independent in politics with slightly conservative leanings.

Here are the excerpts to which I refer:

" . . . There are many indications at what might be called the lower levels of domestic practice, that there are forces and tendencies at work in Britain which are going to produce great changes in our political system. Some of these changes were foreshadowed in a pamphlet entitled 'The Future of Party Politics' written by Commander King-Hall in 1937. It was there argued that a crisis, both domestic and international, was developing and demanding for its solution a high degree of national unity in Britain, and that the political expression of that unity, and the instrument for making it effective must be a national government . . ."

In other words, the writer means by a "national government" a coalition government such as England has now with no opposition—what amounts to a single party.

The Mood in Britain

And here is another excerpt, a quotation from a speech in the House of Commons which the London News Letter says was given a "wide measure of assent."

" . . . Government must always be by majority but let it not be by party controversy and party majority. In this country at the present time, there seems to be coming into being a central body of opinion very well and adequately represented on all sides of this house. It is to that central body of opinion that I should like the government to appeal in a bolder and more forward-stepping policy . . ."

This speaker continues his appeal for a single "central body of opinion" and warns against "dividing a people (the British) who provide some bridge between the extreme capitalism of the United States and the extreme collectivism of Russia."

Just what all this was getting at, I understood a little better when I read an article by Freda Kirchway in the Nation on the mood in Britain.

Miss Kirchway had interviewed a number of people in England and she says that "big business forces in England have recognized more clearly than these forces in America the need for government control." They are ready, she says, to accept the government as a partner to save themselves from liquidation.

Some of the people interviewed by Miss Kirchway gave her the impression that they saw in the set-up ahead "a successful, polite form of semi-fascism," which will prove acceptable to the key people of these groups. She doesn't agree with this herself and she believes British labor will be ready to fight it at the second election after peace but she believes these people believe it.

How much of a similar feeling exists in the United States, I do not know, but quite independent of England, many people are shrugging their shoulders and saying it is a possibility here.

One thing may point in that direction. That is the way the various pressure groups are now operating in congress. Already many trades have been made even to the point of those "unholy alliances" (all alliances except those in which we belong are unholy, of course) which it was charged in the senate had been formed between southern Democrats and some northern Republicans.

As soon as powerful pressure groups can agree among themselves to trade concessions for votes government by majority rule ceases and the moment you begin to break down the party lines, you are in danger of having one party which in the end is no party.

I can well understand how when anyone contemplates the problems of our domestic affairs in the post-war period, it is hard to keep one's mind on the war.

The Change in Invasion Plans

It is a perilous thing these days to write more than an hour in advance of the invasion if one uses the future tense. The majority of opinion "as I write" (that's the saving line) believes that the invasion won't get under way until late spring although one report through Sweden said the Germans were expecting it between Christmas and New Year's.

But from the time that General Eisenhower was named as commander and the other changes in command were named, it appeared that the shape of the whole Allied plans for the assault on fortress Europe began to change rapidly. The speed with which the Russian armies were moving toward the German frontiers set new forces in motion.

Suddenly the Mediterranean became less important in the picture as Washington saw it. It was pointed out that the British had a larger force of men, ships and supplies in that theater than the Americans. What had seemed the most important thing in Europe to America ever since our troops landed in North Africa suddenly grew less important. The Middle East, which had looked as if it were the gathering point of a new blow through the Balkans, perhaps with the help of Turkey, shrank on the horizon. The shifting of British commanders seemed to make this clear.

And then there were calls for greater speed on the part of the Allies, it seemed as if a fear that Russia might get to Berlin first was stirring new activity and there were stories that Spain was not as anxious for Allied friendship as she was to keep the "Bolsheviks" from getting nearer her borders, that if she must make new enemies, at least it was better to have the Allies against her than to have Russia get too near her.

But even without these rumors, it grew clearer and clearer that the job ahead was colossal. Hopes that Germany could be brought down by bombing alone were given up. It really seemed as if her factories and indeed her cities had moved underground.

BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

Ernesto Lecuona, chief songwriter of Cuba and cultural attaché of the Cuban Embassy in Washington, has recently signed one of the largest song publishing contracts of Broadway history.

Colombia's entrance into the war November 27 makes it the 14th American republic to join actively in the struggle against the Nazis.

Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's Order L-181.

The navy's famous PT boats and all they have accomplished is owed to the mahogany tree of Middle America and to the men of history who discovered its value in ship building.

Who's News This Week

By Delos Wheeler Lovelace

Consolidated Features.—WNU Release.

NEW YORK.—Nearly 50,000 soldiers from this war have joined the American Legion and by so much the efforts are advanced of National Commander Warren Hendry Atherton to induce the new veterans to "take over and make the organization theirs."

Invites New Vets To Take Over the American Legion

And Atherton knows that if the new veterans do come in they will certainly take over, for they will outnumber the men of the last war three or four to one, at least.

Atherton, a 52-year-old lawyer, came up slowly to his No. 1 spot in Legion affairs. He was a charter member of a post in his home town of Stockton, Calif., but he was seven years winning the post commandership. And while steadily busy for the state Legion he was seven more years getting into the national picture. He became a member of the Americanism Commission in 1932. It was, however, as national defense chairman that he really stepped out. He traveled for weeks, and 7,000 miles, in a pre-Pearl Harbor survey of the nation's defenses.

He was early, but slow in the army, also, although he ended up with a good rating. He enlisted three months after marrying. A lieutenant shortly, he went overseas and finished a captain. Before the war he had quit railroading for a correspondence course in law. When the war was over he hurried back to Stockton and hung out his shingle. The law has been good enough for years to support the family of six pleasantly. He has three sons and a daughter. Two of the sons are in this war, with the air corps.

WITH a little luck, Col. Edgar S. Gorrell might have made prophetic Nostradamus look like a guy guessing a daily double. A month and a half ago the colonel said, one in Oklahoma City, that bombing raids on Germany in the next 45 days would be decisive.

Only the bombers can say by how far the forecast missed. But from this corner it seems close. Another bomb here, another there, a couple more Uffers den Linden and the colonel will qualify.

The short, solid colonel is a subdued sort of fellow. Only his brown eyes snap. His voice is usually toned down to tete-a-tete volume. At West Point he was called Nap, and not because he reminded anyone of Napoleon. The colonel finished at the Point when he was 21, back in 1912, hurried into the air corps and flew a plane in the Mexican hunt for Villa. When the First World war caught up with us he went to France and wound up with our Distinguished Service Cross, the British DSO and the red ribbon of France's Legion of Honor.

Nowadays he speaks as the czar of all civilian air lines. He has been president of the Air Transport association for years. The job came to him not long after he quit the army back in 1920 and it has made him known the world over. An evangelist of air travel, he has traveled everywhere. Always by air; and never without a safety belt. He has worked hard to erase danger from flying.

IN THIS uncertain corner a shadowy notion still lingers that "logistics" ought to have something to do with argumentation. Lieut. Gen. Sir William knows, maybe, more about military transportation and all the curlicues of logistics than any other couple of British generals. Give him just a little time to figure and he will scheme out a scheme that might move anything, even Heaven and earth. On time, too! He kept his supply trains bumping the heels of Montgomery's fighting divisions all through the race after Rome.

The British minister for war calls Lindell a supply genius. If he is he is self-made. Nearly 60 now, he has been in the army since he was 19.

His record for a long while was just that of one more officer among many. Son of a colonel who had married a lively Irish daughter of an admiral, he was commissioned a lieutenant in 1903. He had become a captain when the First World war opened, and when it closed he was only a major, although one with the DSO, the MC and the Croix de Guerre.

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THE GREAT BIG "IF"



THE ONLY THING NEEDED FOR US TO WIN THE EUROPEAN WAR IN 1944 IS FOR EVERY MAN AND WOMAN, ALL THE WAY FROM THE FRONT LINE TO THE REMOTEST HAMLET, ... TO DO HIS OR HER FULL DUTY. — GEN. EISENHOWER.



LOOKING AHEAD
by GEORGE S. BENSON
President, Planning College
Sears, Roebuck

Back Congress

If news of military success indicates our people as I trust it will, the Fourth War Loan drive will proceed with more enthusiasm and success than the other three. There is never a reason to wonder if the American people will support a drive to win the war. They have shown their willingness to support it in the past, and they will do so again.

There are two points to changes in the overall war plan which I have already heard a lot of people and I sincerely believe they both would support. (1) A program that ought to be made to sell bonds to more people in the low-income brackets. (2) The bonds that are sold ought to be of smaller denominations, so that they may be sold in small amounts, but in large numbers.

It would be possible to write a large bill of requests why bonds should be sold to poor people as well as to relatively well-to-do folk and banks. The first reason is that there are infinitely more poor people, and they are infinitely more patriotic, than there are rich people. A lot more people will buy bonds if they are sold in small amounts, and they will be more likely to buy them if they are sold in small amounts.

The bonds themselves ought to be smaller in size because small bonds are more likely to be sold to poor people, and people who pay taxes this year deserve every economy they can be afforded. As a matter of fact, I was disappointed when bonds from the Third War Loan appeared in such unappealing size and shape. If it is safe to print a \$100 bill of a 5-cent bond, surely a \$25 bond does not need to be as big as a high school diploma.

Chance for Economy
Congressman Charles E. Taylor of Idaho, on his way to New York, made a very clear statement in Washington which indicated his attitude that the military machine of dollars could be saved by printing smaller bonds. These are the only bonds that have been sold in small amounts. It is not clear if the bonds are to be sold in small amounts, but it is clear that they are to be sold in small amounts.

When Colonel George was President, Mr. Taylor was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, charged with supervising the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, which was a guarantee bond to the government. The routine process of printing was to spend \$10,000,000 for quantities of printing equipment in order to increase the plant's output of paper money 50 percent to meet demand for currency, but Taylor said, "No!" Then again did Mother Necessity bring forth an invention, and Mr. Taylor and a fellow way.

Support Good Men
What did he do? He bought out a system of printing 12 bills with a plate and he then only printed only eight, and there was the 80 percent gain to output. Economy in paper, ink and shipping charges started. Taylor's plan was to print 12 bills with a plate and he then only printed only eight, and there was the 80 percent gain to output. Economy in paper, ink and shipping charges started.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The American people inherit an obsession that government itself is some sort of tyranny. Government only becomes a tyrant when the people abdicate their position as sovereign."—Miss Marguerite M. Wells, President, League of Women Voters.

"The countries that claim to be non-capitalistic are the most war aggressive. . . . Where there is the wheel turning there is investment, which is capital. In the progress of America, the people have put up their own capital and the government has remained their servant as our Constitution intends it to be."—Clifton (N. J.) Times.

"It would be just as disastrous for business to be unprepared for a sudden peace as for the Army and Navy to be unprepared for the prolongation of hostilities."—B. B. Goyer, advertising agency president.

"A devotion to the concept that complicated matters of government must increasingly be done through administrative agencies, is misguided if it leads in any degree toward the totalitarian goal of uncontrolled authority in any agent of government."—Charles F. Short, Jr., Chicago attorney.

"Initiative, resourcefulness, and independence of state and municipal government are being stifled by the trend toward greater dependence on and control by the Federal government."—Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker spent Sunday afternoon at Lovell with Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. Butters.

Mrs. Maud Judkins of Bethel spent Sunday evening at her sister's, Mrs. James Spinney's.

Mrs. Florence Hewey, who has been sick with flu, is now able to be out.

James Spinney came home Sunday and went back Monday to Portland.

Francis Brooks was in Norway Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Flagg and son called on his folks Sunday.

Mrs. L. J. Holt and son Dennis of Miami, Fla., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mabel Kirk.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Frank Sweetser and son Robert visited her sister, Mrs. C. James Knights, last Thursday.

Everett Cole and his wife, Ida Judkins, were at Lewiston one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott entertained relatives from Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Cole and mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Knights, were at Rumford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Edgar Davis and son Philip visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Dyer.

Mrs. George Abbott has been working in Mann's mill.

Mrs. Arthur Whitman entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway, from Norway recently.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I just busted into a hospital. For two weeks I have had the radio at my elbow, and brothers and sisters, I am now an authority on programs. It never before entered my head that there could be such a tremendous amount of nothing on the air—24 hours continuous.

But I did hear one thing that sorta intrigued me. It was the news that the big medicine men there on the Potomac have decided that a new label is needed to take the place of the old one on their old bottle of "snake oil and pain killer." I mean the New Deal Brand. They are thinking of naming the new elixir "Win the War." Sounds kinda foxy, but if sales drop off, you will scratch around for something that will help the business. They don't say that what is in the bottle is going to be changed so I guess it will be the same old stuff—taste and smell, the same. The label will have to be mighty pretty.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

EAST BETHEL

G. K. Hastings is ill again with the flu.

B. W. Kimball and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Howe, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kimball in Lewiston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Noyes and Mrs. J. H. Howe were in Norway Friday.

Mrs. Fred Haines is quite ill at her home here.

Edgar Coolidge, Leslie Noyes, Almon Coolidge and Fred Haines are filling their ice houses with ice out on North Pond. S. B. Newton has been hauling ice.

Jorgen Olson has been laid up with a very lame back for some time. It was better at one time but now he is unable to do any work.

Weather permitting, Alder River Grange will hold their installation Friday evening. Refreshments will be served afterward.

NORTH NEWRY

Miss Vada Enman was the guest of her grandparents over Sunday.

Leon Enman and family of Rumford were in town Sunday. Their daughter, Naomi Enman, will resume studies at the Branch School.

Church services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hargrove this week.

Miss Mina Stevens, school teacher at the Branch, has been ill with

Pulpwood Helps Make Gas Masks



Infantrymen, wearing gas masks, man a heavy machine gun. The use of poison gas is a constant menace against which the Army must be prepared. Pulpwood is used to make gas mask filters. This is another reason why farmers are urged to sell their pulpwood to pulp mills, like Brown Company, Berlin, N. H., so it can go to war. The farmer's pulpwood is a profitable cash crop these days.

the flu the past week. Mrs. Helen Morton substituted for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hargrove.

Mrs. Francis Vail is on the sick list at this writing.

Master Paul Wight accompanied Rev. Scruton to Sunday River Sunday afternoon for the Church services.

SONGO POND

Albert Skillings is able to be out around again from his illness.

Hollis Grindle was ill Thursday and unable to work.

Mrs. Maud Grindle and daughter Evelyn have returned to their home having been at Irving Greens at North Waterford since Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Grindle and Gloria were at Locke Mills Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and family.

Don Childs was in Norway Wednesday on business.

Leslie Kimball's crew are working in the woods.

Leon Millett is cutting ice at Fryeburg.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fitzgerald and son, Carol were in Berlin, N. H. on business Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Brown assisted her

Most of your friends away?

If most of your friends are away now—in the service—doing war jobs—don't you feel left behind sometimes?

Why not get in the midst of this war? Join the WAC!

You can see new places, make new friends, learn interesting things—while you are doing vital work to speed victory.

The Army needs your help urgently. This is your chance!

For full details apply at the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station (your local post office will give you the address). Or write: The Adjutant General, Room 4115, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

THEY COULD AFFORD A LITTLE EXTRA . . . CAN'T YOU?



The Fourth War Loan starts today.

Your Government wants you to support this loan by buying at least one extra \$100 Bond.

You may not find it easy to spare an extra \$100. But—

If the men in our armed forces can afford to give their limbs and lives—then certainly you can afford to lend at least \$100 . . . or \$200 . . . or \$300 . . . or even \$100.

Be a good American—buy extra Bonds RIGHT NOW!



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ORANGES	doz. 20c	TURNIPS 1b. 4c
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Fancy Iceberg LETTUCE	head 10c	Pork LIVER 1b. 22c

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IGA FOOD STORES

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



NEWRY CORNER

Mrs. Helen Morton substituted in the Branch school several days last week during the illness of Miss Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Howard of Northwest Bethel were in town one day the past week.

Due to so much illness there was a small attendance at the Farm Bureau meeting on January 12. The next meeting is February 23.

THE 4th WAR LOAN IS ON

Every family must buy a bond in order for us to fill our quota.

THE BETHEL NATIONAL BANK

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10% off on LADIES' WOOL and CORDUROY SLACKS AND SKIRTS WHILE THEY LAST
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—soothes irritated throat membranes
—relaxes throat muscles
—aids in removing phlegm
47c

BOSSERMAN'S DRUG STORE

Home Cooked Food
FARWELL & WIGHT

SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Anne Davis was at Bryant Pond Sunday calling on friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Packard and Nanny Lee of Auburn were Sunday dinner guests of his cousin, Mrs. Dawson Davis.

"Eddie," son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Street, is very ill at St. Marie Hospital, Lewiston, where was taken last Thursday night with a ruptured appendix.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis of West Paris spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Andrews.

Little Suzanne Andrews is ill with the flu.

Harlan Andrews, who has been ill for a number of weeks is now able to take short drives.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

West Paris 4-H Club, the G. Getters, in the home of their leader, Mrs. Robert Forbes Friday, Jan. 14. Business was discussed and officers elected as follows:

President: Ruth Farr
Vice Pres.: Joyce Warner
Secretary: Marion Small
Treasurer: Irene Rice
Club Leader: Betty Barney
Club Reporter: Patricia Cole

It was voted to bring from one to three cents each meeting.

The Universal Youth Fellowship gave a very attractive service at the Church Sunday morning.

Their topic was "Representative Men and Women of the Bible." Those who had sermons were: Lee Dymont, Everett Chase, Milton Inman, Beryl and Violet King and Rachel Dunham. Marilyn Bonney read the scriptures. Georgia Buck offered prayer and Audrey Chase conducted the service. A chorus of 16 young girls furnished excellent music accompanied by Mrs. Lynn-dall Farr.

Sunday morning, Jan. 23, will be observed as Women's Day at the Universalist Church and members of the Glad Hand Club will give the service.

Charles H. Chase received a serious cut in the forehead Sunday night when splinter of a stick of wood and the ice caught on a clothes line causing a gash which required six stitches to close. The week previous he stepped into a clothes pin and at Mann's factory and was disabled from work by a bad knee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Penley and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mann went to Bethel Monday Mr. Mann will attend the annual Wood Turners meeting.

Ellsworth D. Curtis and family have moved to Portland. Mr. Curtis is employed at the ship yard.

Miss Muriel Emery is at home from Portland recuperating from surgery for appendicitis.

More details will be given out later.

Mrs. Gertrude Campbell spent several days recently with her sister, Mrs. Daisie Warren. From there she went to South Paris to visit her son and family.

Erma Richardson is ill at the Community Hospital. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Installations of the Pythian Sisters had Bear River Grange were held the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livingston of Berlin were calling on friends in town and at East Rutherford Sunday.

ROWE HILL

Mrs. Ray Hanscom and Mrs. Everett Cross were at Newton Bryant's Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Ring entertained some of the neighbors Saturday night. Games were played and refreshments were served. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bryant, Wilmer and Sylvia Ring were in Bethel last Friday on business.

Mrs. Iva Lang and Merle of Locke Mills called on her parents Saturday morning.

Mrs. Rosalia Palmer was in Bethel Friday, January 7.

Osman Palmer has left Tebbets mill and is yarding wood at the lower end of Indian Pond.

Lee Sumner was home Sunday from Bethel where he is working this winter.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent

Mrs. Pamie Barker and daughter, Pauline, were at L. Wilson Saturday to see Mrs. Barker's mother, Mrs. Roxanna Downs, who is a patient at the St. Mary's Hospital.

Miss Joan Davis visited with Mrs. Doris Kimball at West Paris recently and Miss Isabel Kimball returned home with her.

Mrs. Mildred Seaman was at Portland recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seaman and family of Dedham were Sunday guests of Mrs. Harry Seaman and family. Mrs. Nellie Pratt of Norway recently visited her daughter Mrs. Henry Seaman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ring were at Mechanic Falls Sunday to attend the funeral of Morton T. Abbott. Mr. Abbott was a former resident of this place and had many friends in town.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Mrs. Gladys Bailey was ill to be home this week end.

Mrs. Ray Hanscom called recently with Mrs. Betty Martin.

Mrs. Vera Craig, who visited the week with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Cole.

The deep snow has made it nearly impossible for the boys and girls to do anything. They have robbed the birds of their food for the winter. Several of the woodmen claim that the birds on the mountains are so hungry they will eat from a human hand. It's quite rare for birds to be so friendly.

Oliva Hakala of Orono called was a recent caller at Greenwood Center.

WEST BETHEL

The PTA and the school league held a joint session Friday afternoon at the school house. The two clubs have been merged and have started under the name of the West Bethel PTA and School League. An interesting program of music and a short play was enjoyed.

Mrs. Harry Sealey was in Portland over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyd of Berlin, N. H., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason.

Arthur Johnson who has been quite ill is able to be up and around again.

Miss Daxine Marble and little sister Janice Ferran visited at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovejoy's Sunday.

Mrs. Edna Newton spent Tuesday with her son, Barton Newton.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE — and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lapham and children Tony and Norman of Bath were week end guests at Warren Lapham's.

Phyllis Morrill of West Bethel stayed at Marion Lapham's one night recently.

Mrs. L. J. Andrews visited her brother Fred Hazelton at North Waterford, Sunday.

Junior Lapham was at Parker Connor's Saturday, and attended the movies in the afternoon.

L. J. Andrews hauled wood for A. A. Bruce recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and children were Sunday visitors at Fred Hersey's, at North Waterford.

Earl and Alberta McAllister and Shirley Andrews visited the Scribner children Saturday.

Muriel Lapham, Charlotte Scribner and E. C. Lapham were in Norway Saturday.

Clyde Hall has been ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister and daughter Elma were in Bethel recently.

Alfred Leighton was at Ray Andrews Thursday on business.

Tony Lapham of Bath and Muriel Lapham were at Junior Lapham's Sunday.

Earl, Lois and Patty Scribner were dinner guests at Earl McAllister's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and children and Mrs. L. J. Andrews called at Harlan Bumpus Sunday.

Other callers were Rev. W. I. Bull, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haselton.

Eleven attended Church at the Albany Town House Sunday.

FRANKLIN JUVENILE GRANGE

The officers of Franklin Juvenile Grange for 1944 were installed Saturday evening, Jan. 15 in a very pleasing manner. Miss Lettie Day was the Installing Officer. She was assisted by Miss Margaret Howe as prompt, Miss Clara Whitman as pianist, Miss Clara Whitman as Mar-til, and the Misses Ramona, Fernna and Emma Davis as Readers and Emblem Bearers. The officers were installed as follows:

Master: Merle Noyes
Master: Phyllis Hathaway
Lecturer: Bessie Dunham
Secretary: Burton Hathaway
Assistant: Edward Roland Dunham
Chorus: Alice Farnum
Singer: Treva Alberta Dunham
Gate Keeper: Basil Green
Palmers: Thora Morgan
Palmers: Mary Dunham
L. A. S. Harriet Hathaway
Marion Edith Hathaway

Marian Milk as Ceres was unable to be present. Refreshments of lemonade, bars and popcorn were served after the installation.

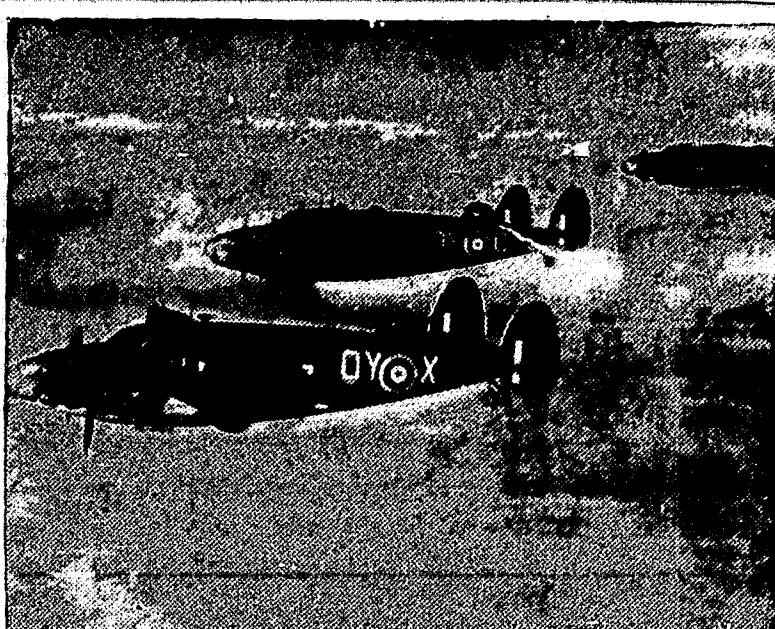
BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

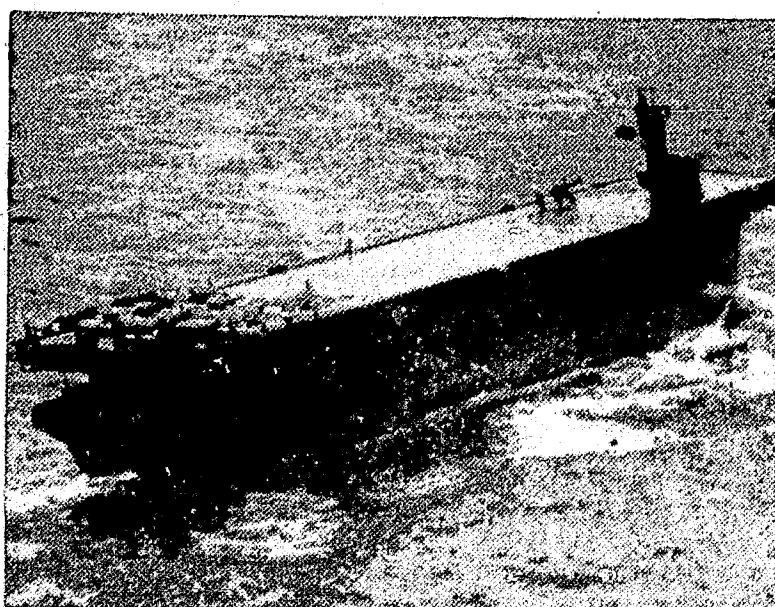
Miss Pats Thurston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thurston of Portland, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bean the past week end.

Benjamin Abbott suffered a severe shock when he fell last Thursday.

Mrs. Berdine Webster who has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Annie Cole for some time, has gone to her home at Mechanic Falls. Mrs. Annie Cole is now being cared for by Mrs. John Cole.



Hudsons of the RAF, lighter patrol bombers, are also flown by coastal command units of Dutch and Polish air forces.



U. S. "Baby Flat-tops" began operating in May—in May, June and July U-boats were sunk at the rate of one a day.

Miss Marilyn DeShon has gone to Portland to stay with her uncle, Donald DeShon, and family and attend school.

Mrs. Verna Swan is attending the Grange Lecturer's conference at Augusta this week.

Gardner Cole has gone to Boston to attend Boston University.

Miss Velma Cummings of Auburn is in town and with her father, Aubrey Cummings, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cummings.

RED & WHITE STORE
P. R. BURNS

RED & WHITE	Glass Reg.	RED & WHITE	5 points
COFFEE	lb. 36c	SHORTENING	lb. 21c
RED & WHITE Glass Drip		RED & WHITE	
COFFEE	lb. 36c	CORN FLAKES	11 oz. 9c
RED & WHITE Regular		RED & WHITE	
COFFEE	lb. 31c	PEANUT BUTTER	35c
RED & WHITE Drip		RED & WHITE Evaporated	1 p.
COFFEE	lb. 31c	M I L K	3 for 29c
RED & WHITE Garden Run 15 p.		RED & WHITE	
PEAS	can 17c	TOILET PAPER	5c
RED & WHITE		Beef, Pork, Veal, Lamb,	
CUT WAX BEANS	can 16c	Ham, Bacon, etc., Ceiling	
OLD DUTCH	9c	Prices	

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Hot water or soapsuds will remove chocolate candy from upholstery.

To simplify mending, look over clothing regularly and watch for needed repairs. It is much easier to reinforce weak places or mend small holes than to wait until major repairs are needed.

When sewing, a medicine dropper filled with water and run along a seam which is to be pressed, is the simplest method of dampening the material.

Never beat pillows vigorously, but gently fluff them up each day to force air around the feathers.

If soup looks a little on the greasy side, home economists suggest tossing a lettuce leaf into the pot. It will absorb the grease and may be removed as soon as it has done its job.

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Star Dust

By VIRGINIA VALE

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THE film critics of New York's newspapers voted Paul Lukas the best actor of 1943 for his performance in "Watch on the Rhine" (at the same time voting the picture the year's best), but they were a little late. Warner Bros. had handed Lukas a tribute of their own some two weeks earlier for the same performance; theirs was a long-term contract. His first picture under the new contract will be "Night Action." It is based on an original story by Norman Krasna, with George Sklar doing the screen story.

The Warners came out very well in those film critics' voting sessions—Ida Lupino was voted the year's best actress for her work in "The



IDA LUPINO

Hard Way," with Katina Paxinou as runner-up for her performance in "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Jean Pierre Aumont, Metro star whose last film before joining the Fighting French was "The Cross of Lorraine," relays the following letter from General De Gaulle concerning the film: "I congratulate you for having shown such a beautiful picture, the active participation in the resistance of all Frenchmen under the cross of Lorraine. It is fitting that this silent and bloody war be put before the eyes of our true friends, particularly those of the United States of America." There's a laurel wreath worth having.

War's effect on Cupid: there's a scene in "Riding High" where Dorothy Lamour and Dick Powell are shown standing on a boatlanding in Technicolor moonlight. Dick tries a tentative kiss. "I can't make out," says Dottie, "whether you are careful, indifferent, or just plain dumb." "Oh," replies Dick, "those were just tracer kisses. I think I have the range now."

This year starts promisingly for Marjorie Hordon, who has the coveted role of Belle Davis' daughter in "Mr. Skeffington." Her contract was purchased from Sol Lesser by Jack Warner following her hit in "Stage Door Canteen."

Eulene Martin was only three weeks old when her mother took her to the RKO studio to play Ginger Rogers' baby in "Tender Comrade." Producer David Hempstead asked her mother to get the infant a social security card. "Eulene already has a card," was the reply. "This is her second picture. When 16 days old she played in 'Buffalo Bill.'"

Greta Christensen, Chicago high school girl, got her contract with RKO through posing for department store advertisements. Dore Haring, 17, was striking pins in a bowling alley when he was seen by the talent scout for Vanguard Films; he makes his screen debut in Selznick's "Since You Went Away." Looks as if all roads lead to the movies nowadays.

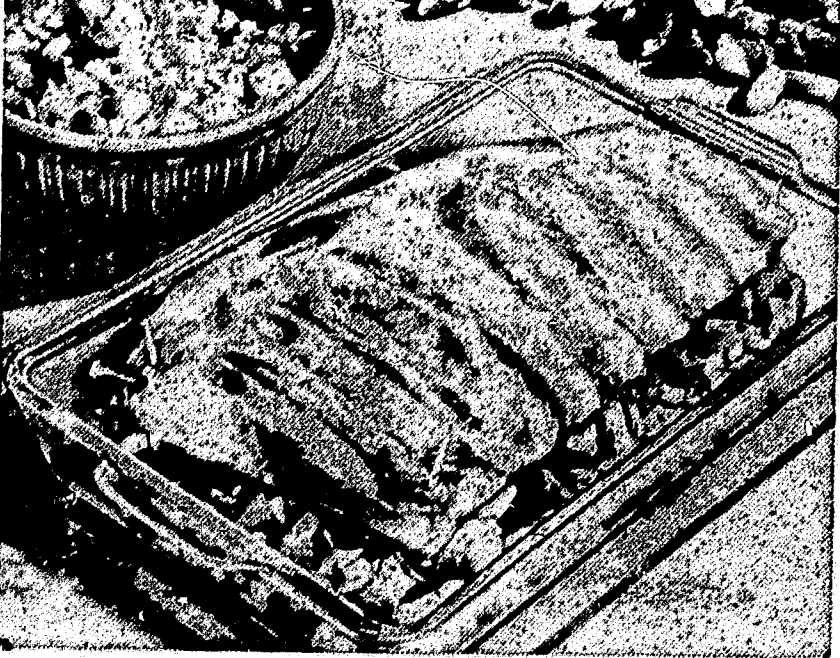
The greatest radio scoop of the war, according to the Associated Press, was made by marine Sergt. Roy O. Maypole, when he made his radio recording of the historic landing at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island. The recorded broadcasts will be released to the public through marine corps headquarters in Washington. Maypole's former producer of CBS' wacky "Missus Goes A-Shopping."

Resemblance to Frank Sinatra brought good luck to ex-marine Harry Landers. Discharged from the service after being wounded in action, he got a job as a studio laborer. His next job was as a stand-in for Sinatra in "Higher and Higher." When the singer left the troupe he asked that Landers be kept on as a dress extra—Producer Tim Whelan then gave him a minor role in the musical.

ODDS AND ENDS—Fox Pop is soliciting listeners over the air for opinions on the outstanding interviews and personalities heard on the show. . . . Edward Arnold lost 27 pounds just prior to the start of "Standing Room Only" due to an infection caused by an injury to his shin. . . . Betty Grable rose from eighth place in 1942 to land the ten best boxoffice film stars in 1943. . . . Wally Brown, comedy star on Dinah Shore's radio program, has been completing his sequences in his new RKO picture, "Seven Days' Notice." . . . Walter Pidgeon was the first of 200 persons to reach the continent in Los Angeles where he became an American citizen.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS

by Lynn Chambers



There's a Surprise With These Spareribs!
(See Recipes Below)

Good Taste

"There are a lot of meat cuts with lower point values which we are sure you'd like if we just knew how to prepare them tastefully. Won't you tell us how?" This is a request I'm hearing more often lately, and so today's column will give suggestions for these cuts of meat.

Fortunately a great many of these lower-point meat cuts belong to the variety class, add "variety" to meals and are a wonderful source of vitamins and minerals. You'll like them this way:

Corn Biscuit Pies.
(Serves 4 to 6)
1 veal kidney
Melted butter or substitute
1 cup cooked, chopped meat
1 cup cooked peas
1 cup cooked carrots
2 cups well-seasoned medium white sauce
Corn biscuit

Wash kidney; remove outer membrane. Split through center; remove fat and tubes. Brush with melted butter; place 2 inches below broiler heat. Broil 5 minutes on each side. Slice kidney; combine with meat, peas and carrots. Mix with white sauce. Pour into individual baking dishes or casseroles. Prepare corn biscuit: Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 cup cornmeal, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grains of sugar. Cut in 1/4 cup shortening; add 1/2 cup milk to make a soft dough. Pat or roll out dough, 1/2 inch thick on lightly floured board; cut with round cutter 1 inch in diameter. Place biscuits on meat and vegetable mixture. Bake in a very hot oven (450 degrees) 15 minutes.

Liver Loaf.
(Serves 6)
1 1/2 pounds beef liver
1 1/2 cups dry bread crumbs
1/2 cup melted shortening
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
3 tablespoons minced onion
3 tablespoons parsley
1 cup milk
Pour scalding water over liver and let stand 3 minutes. Chop and add all other ingredients except milk. Mix thoroughly. Shape into loaf; brush top with additional melted shortening. Place loaf in baking

dish and add 3/4 cup water. Bake in a moderate oven (300 degrees) for 1 hour. For sauce add milk 15 minutes before taking from oven.

Stuffed Spareribs.
Baked Potatoes
Buttered Spinach
Lettuce with French Dressing
Brain Muffins
Baked Apple
Beverage
*Recipe Given.

Working With Points: Adventure with low point meats and you'll find them as delicious as the high point ones. They are highest in food value and best in flavor if properly cooked. Doubling up on proteins during times like these is wasteful. Select carefully from this one group for the meal: meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dried beans or peas or soybeans, cheese or nuts. Remember, just one to a meal!

Balance the use of cereals with plenty of vegetables and fruit. Naturally cereals and breads have to carry more of a load these times, but they can't take the place of meat and vegetables. Use them to make the flavor of meat and fish go further.

Buying in season is your greatest help for vegetables and fruits. Rich-in-vitamin fruits and vegetables can be found in winter, too! Recipes are as good as what you put into them. Economizing on too many items in the recipe will give you—you know that. If you want precious ingredients in recipes use them sparingly these times for the recipe with a pound of this and a dozen of that have been put away for the duration.

Save Used Fat!

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu

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Baked Potatoes
Buttered Spinach
Lettuce with French Dressing
Brain Muffins
Baked Apple
Beverage
*Recipe Given.

dish and add 3/4 cup water. Bake in a moderate oven (300 degrees) for 1 hour. For sauce add milk 15 minutes before taking from oven.

Variation: Grind half beef heart and use in place of beef liver. Or, grind pork heart and omit fat in recipe. Add 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning.

Heart is not a tender cut of meat and is good only if you cook it properly. That means slow cooking at low or moderate heat. A stuffing adds loads of good flavor:

Baked Stuffed Beef Heart.
(Serves 6)
3 to 4 pound beef heart
2 slices bacon
1 cup fine bread crumbs
1/2 teaspoon herb or poultry seasoning
1 small onion
Salt and pepper
Flour for dredging
Fat or oil for browning

Wash heart and remove enough of center portion to admit addition of dressing or stuffing. Dice bacon and fry until crisp. Combine with bread crumbs. Season with finely minced onion. Season cavity within heart. Fill with stuffing and fasten with skewers. Roll in flour and brown quickly in hot fat in heavy kettle. Add small amount of water or beef stock. Cover and cook slowly 2 to 2 1/2 hours in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until done. Thicken liquid for gravy, if desired.

Kidney Stew.
(Serves 5 to 6)
2 beef kidneys
1/2 cup flour
2 tablespoons drippings
Salt and pepper
4 cups water
1 bay leaf
Fench rosemary
2 tablespoons dried celery leaves
1 cup carrots, sliced
1 cup onion, sliced
1 cup potato, cubed

Remove skin and fat from kidneys, wash and split lengthwise. Remove core and cut in small pieces. Dredge with flour and brown in hot drippings. Place in kettle, add water, vegetables and seasonings. Simmer 1 1/2 to 2 hours. If desired, broth may be thickened with a little flour and water.

Variation: If desired, use half kidney and half stew beef.

***Stuffed Spareribs.**
2 1/2 sheets of spareribs
Stuffing:
1/2 loaf bread, cubed
1 onion, minced fine
Salt, pepper, sage to taste
1/2 cup toasted brazil nuts, sliced
1/2 cup boiling water
4 tablespoons drippings

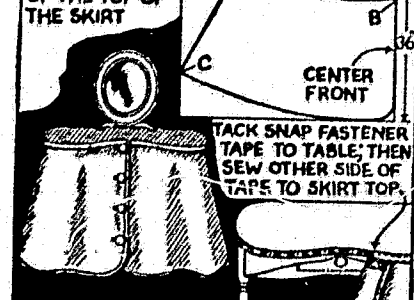
Toast the cubed bread in a hot oven, turning to prevent burning. Add onion, seasonings and sliced nuts. Mix well. Melt drippings in hot water. Add to bread and toss lightly with fork.

Place dressing in center of one sheet of spareribs. Cover with second sheet. Draw edges together and sew in place. Salt outside of meat. Pepper, dredge with flour. Place in shallow roasting pan. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven. Cover bottom of pan with a little water. Roast for 1 1/2 hours. Make gravy from drippings in bottom of pan.

If you want sugar-saving suggestions, write to Lynn Chambers, Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 4, Illinois. Don't forget to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.
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ON THE HOME FRONT

With RUTH WYETH SPEARS



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The diagram shows how to make a pattern for half of the skirt. The center front may be placed on a fold of the goods in cutting if there is no front opening. Cut the paper by the dimensions in the diagram. Mark point A in 14-inches from the upper left corner. Measure up from the lower right corner a dis-

Ships Go Over Bridge

A military bridge built recently across the Shatt-al-Arab river in Iraq acquired a unique feature through a change in design which had to be made after construction began, says Collier's. Although a life-type drawbridge, its 92-foot span is lowered instead of raised so vessels pass over instead of under it.



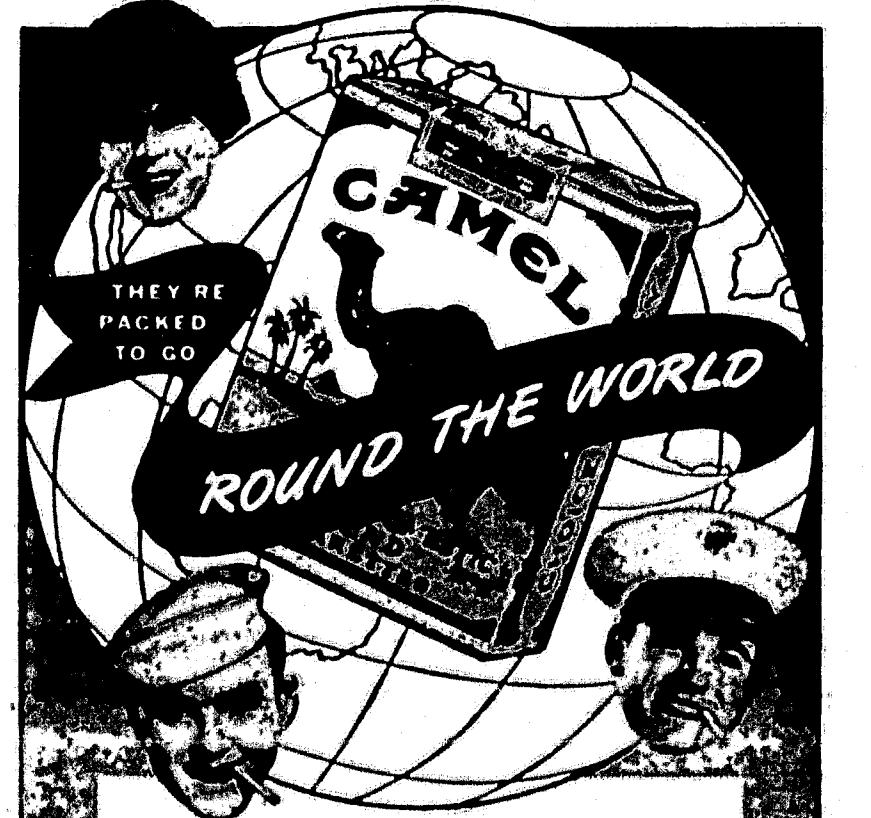
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'FREEDOM FROM REGULATION' IS WHAT PAXTON, ILL., WANTS

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By BARROW LYONS

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is one of a series of articles written for this paper by Barrow Lyons, staff correspondent of Western Newspaper Union. He has just completed an extended trip through the nation and in these reports gives his first-hand impressions of what rural America is thinking as we enter the third year of war and the first weeks of a presidential election year. Any opinions expressed are the writer's and not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

PAXTON, ILL.—Dislike of Washington and all its works could hardly be found in more concentrated form than in Paxton, Illinois, a town of 3,200 persons in the heart of the corn belt. Only a few citizens will admit there is anything the New Deal has done that has helped this county seat.

But Ford county holds one of the most prosperous rural communities in Midwestern United States. Before the war, in January, 1939, the deposits in Paxton's two banks totaled \$1,631,000; but today they sum up to \$4,532,000, an increase of 178 per cent in four years. Paxton is one of the most conservative places in conservative Illinois, which Wendell Willkie has called "the blackest spot on my map." Paxton spurns Willkie as "nothing but a New Dealer."

Clothing merchants in Paxton are making more money than at any time since the boom days of the '20s. A farmer recently calculating his income tax figured he had made a clear profit before taxes of more than \$20,000 in this crop year on a gross income of \$27,000—and he hadn't sold his 1943 corn crop yet. Most of his income was realized on last year's corn he had held.

So easy is it for shops to sell what merchandise they can get that advertising is at a minimum. Nevertheless, Paxton boasts both a daily and weekly newspaper. The Paxton Daily Record, a four-page paper, sells enough advertising space to break about even; but the Paxton Record, a weekly, makes money in spite of the fact that national automobile advertising has virtually disappeared, and the oil companies buy only about one-tenth of the space they used to take.

Publisher Looks Ahead To Postwar Years

Herbert N. Stevens, joint owner with his brother, Harold H. Stevens, of the Paxton newspapers and printing shop, says they are running their plant now with 13 employees instead of the customary 20. But Mr. Stevens is certain that after the war good times for the printer will



Large share of farmers' income around Paxton comes from corn.

return, because there will be sales advertising as never seen before. No depression is in sight for the immediate postwar years. Mr. Stevens is sure—so he has just ordered a new press to be delivered when peace arrives. He also feels confident that the New Deal regime will be a thing of the past then. He explained:

"Ford County has had about as much of Washington as it can stand. I wouldn't say Paxton was just Republican. There are some Republicans around here who have voted for Roosevelt, you know. Party designations are losing significance. We are just as anti-Willkie as we are anti-Roosevelt. We think he's nothing but a New Dealer.

"When the boys come back from the war you're going to find the greatest bunch of rugged individualists you ever saw. We talk to every boy who comes back on furlough. They can't understand why the government tolerates strikes and slow-down business."

Mr. Stevens can't understand why the government should want \$3 million dollars to advertise to get peo-



ple back on the farm, while the United States Employment Service is advertising in his newspapers for men on the farm to work in war industries. Nor can he see why the soy bean processing factory in Gibson City, 15 miles away, can't get all the soy beans it can handle, because the Commodity Credit corporation directs locally grown beans to cotton ginning mills in Tennessee, despite the fact that the soy bean cake left after pressing out the oil is shipped back to Paxton for cattle feed. These are the things that have turned Paxton people against the New Deal. Mr. Stevens expresses vocally what many others feel.

Intentionally, it should be noted that there is not a labor union office in Ford county and the farmers are strongly anti-labor. In the last election the Republicans scored about five votes to every two Democratic votes, the latter coming mostly from railway workers, a few craftsmen and some tenant farmers.

Carl Shelby, Paxton's grain dealer, gave the clearest summary to Paxton's viewpoint. He is a business man, but his trade concerns the farmer's welfare most closely.

'Too Much Regulation' From Washington

"The thing that bothers us most is that there is too much regulation. The farm program has a tendency to tell the farmer exactly what he can do—and that applies pretty much to the business man too. These regulations were put on when times were hard and prices low, and conditions were benefited by regulation. There seems to be no tendency to drop them when times show improvement. The men in Washington made their program so that a man was penalized if he didn't go along with it. He was almost forced to follow to be in good standing with his neighbors.

"In the grain business we were forced to take whatever the Commodity Credit corporation allowed us to handle, do what they ordered us to do and wait until they got good and ready to pay us for that service. When a fellow is used to doing what he likes, and then someone comes along and tells him what he has to do—well, that gets under the skin.

"What we liked about the old free competition system was that foresight and intelligence were worth something. You might lose money in hard times, but you were allowed to make it in good times, and if you didn't waste it you generally came out all right in the long run. Now they don't let us make money when times are good, and they can't give us any assurance that times will always be good. If they could do that we wouldn't mind giving up some freedom.

"When you once start trying to control economic conditions you have to slap on more and more controls to cover the situations you couldn't foresee, and the thing grows and grows. That's the direction the New Deal seems to be headed in now, and most of us around here think it's time to call a halt and go in the other direction for a while."

As Paxton, Illinois, Views It . . .

Let T. M. Brady, manager, explain Paxton's RFA cooperative: "We have paid all interest and principal when due, and have made advance payments on principal. Our kilowatt-hour consumption is growing steadily with increased use of electricity on the farm. War has given an additional impetus to the introduction of electrical labor-saving devices. Farmers are now in-

stalling batteries of chick brooders and pig brooders, and poultry lighting is increasing. Farmers around here say this is the greatest service they have received through the government, although they organized this co-operative themselves, provide the control of management and pay for all the service they get. There is not a subsidy of any kind in it.

JUST THE RUB

The tired-looking man sat facing the divorce lawyer. "So you want a divorce from your wife," said the attorney. "Aren't your relations pleasant?" "Mine are," came the answer, "but hers are simply terrible!"

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The Goal
Pop—Now be good while I'm out. Offspring—I'll be good for a nickel. Pop (reprovingly)—Son, you'll never be a real son of mine until you're good for nothing.

Handicapped
"My papa got an invitation to be the judge at the spring flower show."
"What does your papa know about flowers?"
"That's just the point. A judge is supposed to be neutral, and everybody says my papa doesn't smell so very good."

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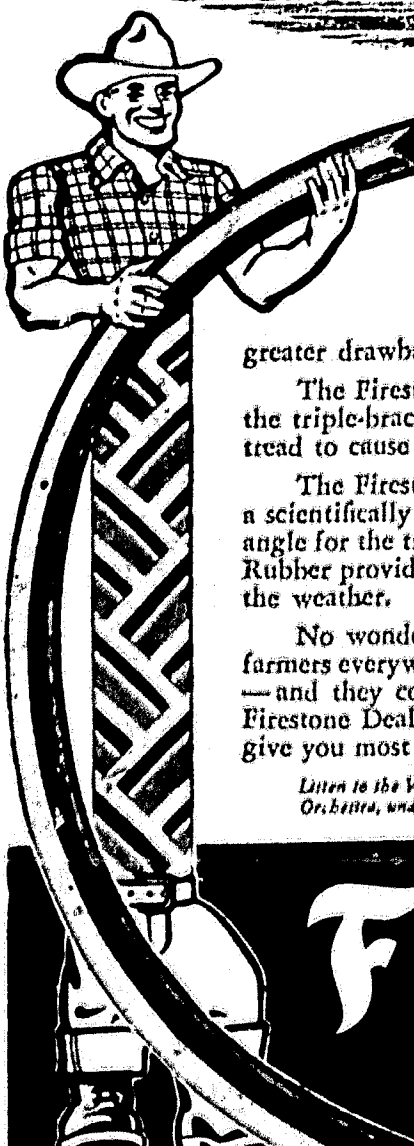
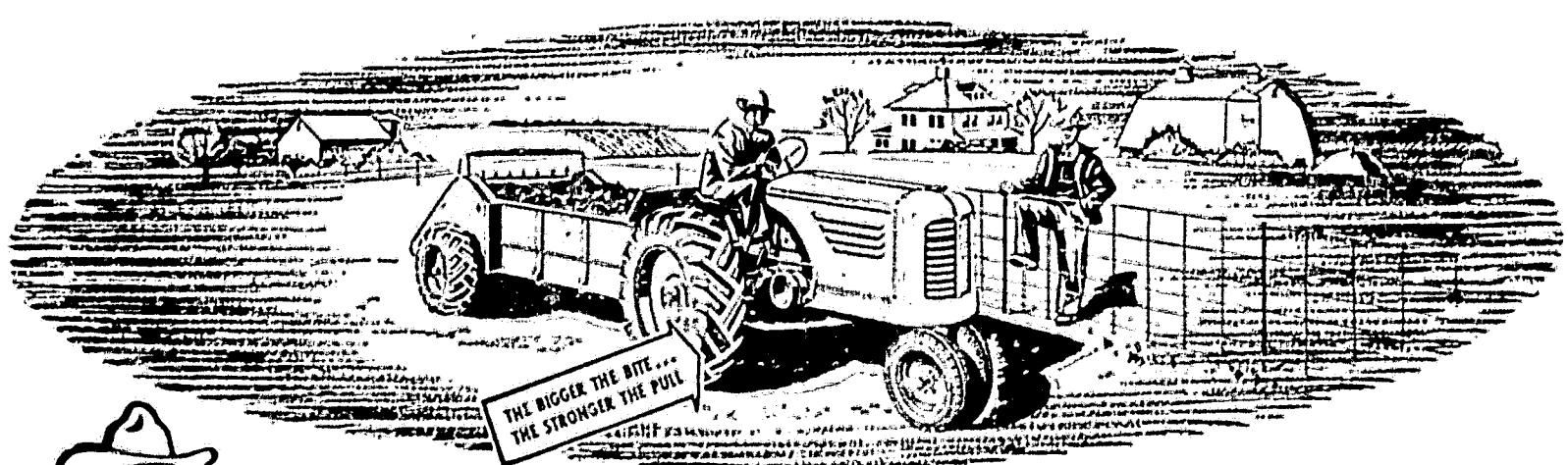
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In Methuen, Feb. 13, 1944, Mrs. T. Abbott, formerly of Bethel, aged 72 years.

In Bethel, Jan. 13, Ralph H. Hackett of Greenwood, aged 72 years.

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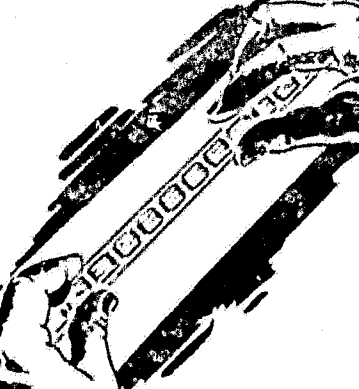
On Sunday morning as you sit in church and see the vacant places in the choir and wonder where the war has taken the young people from your community you may feel certain that they are attending divine services if circumstance permits.



Chaplains and choral leaders are found on the larger ships and even abroad in the Army centers. Millions of hymnals have been distributed to the men and women of all services and you may rest assured that a portion of the savings you are placing into War Bonds is used for their spiritual welfare.

V Mail

When a soldier or a sailor is low in spirits there is nothing that will cheer him up as much as a letter from home, so the War and Navy Departments have devised a method for getting "the word" to fighting men with the greatest dispatch. This is the microfilm method of transmitting letters known to all of us as V-mail.



Any news from home is bound to please our soldiers and our sailors but the news they want to have most is the news from our production front and news that we are winning our fight against inflation by our savings and investment in War Bonds.

Para-Ski Troopers

When will this war end? Nobody knows, so the Army is continuing its training of Para-Ski Troopers. They're parachute troops who know their way about on skis or any other place in snow covered mountainous country.



A great measure of the success of Russia's victories last winter is attributed to these troops who move with the silence of a snowflake. Our work on the home front is not so hazardous as that of the Para-Ski Troopers but it is important that we perform our daily tasks and make every effort to increase our regular purchase of War Bonds.

Powder Monkey

On board ship and in the artillery their buddies call them "powder monkeys." It's disrespectful, just a personal, intimate term between friends. Civilians call them gun crews. During a battle the crews of "powder monkeys" must work like mad men keeping the ammunition to the guns.



The gun may be an anti aircraft or a battle tank, a great battle ship, but in either event the "powder monkey" must pass millions of dollars worth of ammunition to make the gun effective and your savings to War Bonds are necessary to supply the demand of ammunition that provides the defense.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

BETHEL TEMPLE

M. A. Gordon, pastor

9:45. Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, supt. Bible class lesson subject, "Seed, Soil, Growth." 11:00. Sunday Morning Worship. Special singing by choir. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "Opening the Book." 6:30. Youth Fellowship. Eleanor Gordon Guild meets at the parsonage, Tuesday evening. Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday evening, Jan. 25. Supper committee, Perry Lapham, Clayton Blake, Edwin Brown. Entertainment committee, Maurlee Brooks, Rodney Brooks, Royal Hodsdon. Ticket committee, Leroy Brown, M. A. Gordon.

The Epworth League will have a sliding party Friday evening. Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor. 9: 11.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. John J. Foster, Minister

9:30 a. m. Sunday School. Classes for all ages. Bring your friends with you.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon topic, "Faucet Religion." 6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship. A surprise program will be presented under the direction of the following committee: Robert Foster, Bobbie Carson, Susie Delatour, Harley Dennett, William Anderson.

Monday evening, Jan. 24th, the officers and teachers of the Church School will meet at the Manse at 8 o'clock.

The annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 26th. A church supper will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45

"Truth" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Wednesday evening meeting on second Wednesday of each month.

THE BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Franklin Keckwetter, Pastor

Morning Worship, 10:30. Sermon, "The Desires of Satan and the Prayers of Christ." Text, Luke 22: 31, 32.

Sunday School, 11:45; Juniors, 3:30; Young People, 7:00; Evening Service, 7:30.

Beginning Sunday evening of Jan. 23d and continuing every evening through Jan. 28th, the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Gaverluk will hold special meetings. Mr. Gaverluk is a dynamic speaker, a very talented violinist as well as a chalk artist. His wife is a fine pianist and has a lovely soprano voice. We urge everyone to attend these services for we are sure you will enjoy these young people and their messages both in music and word. Services will begin at 7:30.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Small of Dry Mills were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartlett.

Herbert Winslow of Portland called on his brother, Curtis Winslow, Sunday afternoon.

Sadie Bean spent the week end with Mrs. Lillian Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plagg and son, Jimmie were callers at Augustus Carter's Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ada Conner and Mrs. Ray Cotton visited Mrs. Lyndell Carter Sunday evening.

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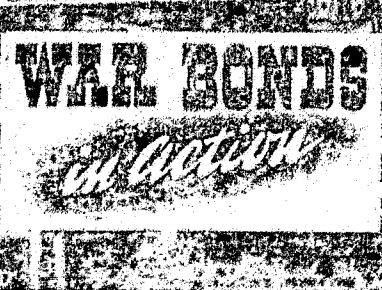
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GREENWOOD CITY

Mrs. Nestor Ruokolainen of Locke Mills has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vieno Ruokolainen.

The Farm Bureau met with Mrs. Lennie Cole last Tuesday. The attendance was small.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curtis spent Sunday evening with Ernest Curtis at Tubbs District.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt called on relatives at West Paris, Sunday evening.

Florence Lowe was unable to attend high school last week because of the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitman of Norway were in town on Sunday.

UPTON

Mrs. G. A. Judkins, Correspondent

Colon Fuller is working at Thurston's camp at C. Dam.

Miss Ruth Judkins returned Monday this week from East Sumner, where she spent a week with her sister. On the way home she stopped over Sunday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lester Murphy in Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pratt of Bethel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Durkee.

Mrs. Catherine Jacobs was in Portland Saturday returning home Sunday.

MAINE IN WASHINGTON

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ward march along the path that in the last 50 years.

Maine Labor Situation

If Maine alone were to be considered there would be no need of national service legislation. But Maine boys overseas need the active assistance of Americans everywhere. Maine boys need planes from California and tanks from Michigan and these in turn need coal from Pennsylvania. Everyone's shoulder must be at the wheel.

FRANKLIN GRANGE

Franklin Grange of Bryant Pond met Saturday evening January 15th with a good attendance. After the business meeting the following program was given.

Opening Song, The Call to Action

Mystery Box March, won by Mrs. Beatrice Felt

Reading of soldiers letters and cards by the Lecturer, Mrs. Verna Swan and were from Harland Abbott, George B. Cushman, James Russell, Claude Howe, Ray Hanscom, Ellwell Hardy, M. Parker Allen, Urban Buck, Carroll Yates, and Miss Ida Cushman

Report of Worthy Master Harris Hathaway and wife on trip to Augusta

Piano solo, Francis Bean

Closing Song, God Bless America.

JUDITH GROVER TENT

INSTALLATION

Judith Grover Tent No. 17 D. of U. V. met at the home of Mrs. Inez Whitman Tuesday evening, Jan. 11. There were 14 members present. The officers of the Tent for 1944 were installed in a very pleasing manner by Mrs. Myrtle Clifford, Past President of the Tent, as follows:

President—Miss Alice Wardwell

Senior Vice President—Miss Clara Whitman

Junior Vice President—Mrs. Beatrice Farnum

Chaplain—Miss Edith Whitman

Treasurer—Mrs. Bessie Andrews

Council member No. 1—Miss Edith Whitman

No. 2—Mrs. Inez Whitman

No. 3—Mrs. Ruth Dunham

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Secretary—Mrs. Verna Swan

Press Cor.—Miss Clara Whitman

Guide—Mrs. Iva Farrar

Guard—Mrs. Linnie King

As. Guard—Mrs. Inez Whitman

Musicalian—Mrs. Mildred Dunham

Color Bearer No. 1—Mrs. Helen Ring

No. 2—Miss Arlene Swan

No. 3—Miss Ramona Farnum

No. 4—Mrs. Myrtle Clifford

After the installation a treat of ice cream with crax was served.

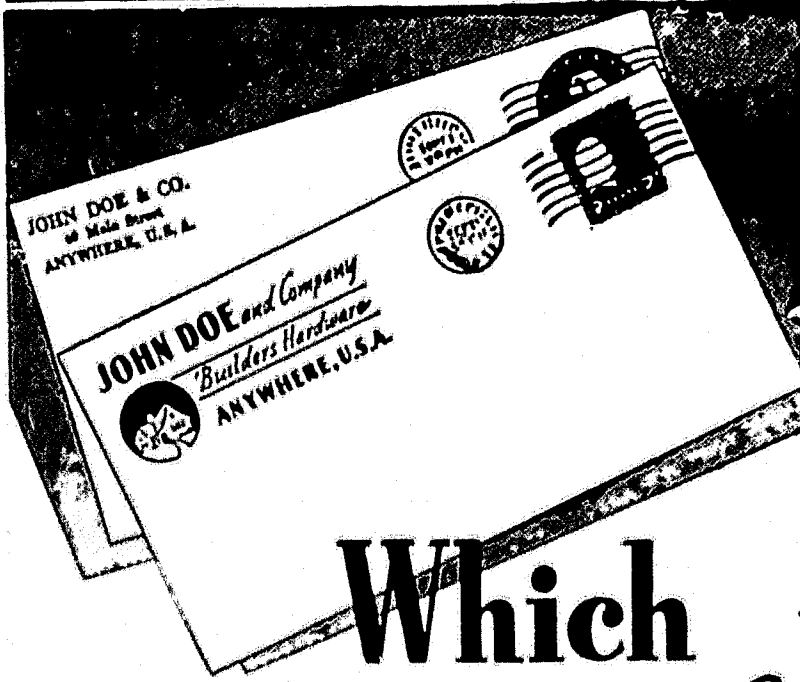
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